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## OBAMA IN RUSSIA: A NEW START

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U.S. President Barack Obama was in Russia on the first stop of his trip to the region this week, continuing to work towards a "reset" of relations with Russia. President Obama joined President Dmitry A. Medvedev for a [joint press conference](#) and where he summed up their meeting as follows:

*"We've just concluded a very productive meeting. As President Medvedev just indicated, the President and I agreed that the relationship between Russia and the United States has suffered from a sense of drift. We resolved to reset U.S.-Russian relations, so that we can cooperate more effectively in areas of common interest. Today, after less than six months of collaboration, we've done exactly that by taking concrete steps forward on a range of issues, while paving the way for more progress in the future. And I think it's particularly notable that we've addressed the top priorities -- these are not second-tier issues, they are fundamental to the security and the prosperity of both countries." ([Read full transcript](#))*

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